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 <b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/777,513	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GONEN-FRIEDMAN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Lynda Jasmin	<b>Art Unit</b> 3627	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-27, 37-39 and 48-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 28-36 and 40-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-27, 37-39 and 48-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 12, 2004 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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4. Claims 1-8, 10-27, 37-39 and 48-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terry (2001/0012346 A1), in view of Mandler et al. (6,785,661).

Terry discloses a computer-implemented and Internet-based system and method of managing Accounts Receivable (AR) information, embodied in a computer readable medium, with the steps of receiving a customer request (via client server) for remote Internet access to accounts receivable information that is owned by a deploying company (via a billing web server) (box 0062), retrieving the customer's AR information from a database (via data network 306) and enabling the retrieved AR information to be remotely displayed for the customer (via web 316), the AR information is displayed on a World Wide Web (Web) browser (box 56). Terry further discloses the steps of enabling keyword searching (via search queries) of the AR information stored in the database through a Web browser to retrieve any information stored in the database that matches an entered search criteria, irrespective of a category in which the information is stored in the database (as illustrated in Figure 7) and the keyword searching allows restricted searching based on at least one of category (0071). The retrieved AR information includes invoice information that is optimized for printing in a format that matches a format of a corresponding paper invoice (as illustrated via 122).

However, Terry fails to explicitly disclose a user interface configured to enable the customer to create a credit memo request on disputed invoice and to submit the credit memo request to the deploying company.

Mandler discloses the concept of enabling a buyer to remotely dispute an invoice either off-line (via written correspondence) or on-line (via net communication) (col. 8,

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lines 13-22). Mandler further discloses that broker acting on behalf of a buyer can receive a reject message from a buyer of an invoice then the broker will send a cancel transaction message to all of the parties involved (col. 16, lines 31-20). Mandler further discloses a main processor executing instructions of an accounting module to establish an accounts receivable database.

From this teaching of Mandler et al., it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the interactive billing system of Terry to include the online transaction service taught by Mandler et al. in order to facilitate communication between buyer and seller for cancellation or hold of transactions if a dispute is involved.

Further, although Terry fails to explicitly disclose enabling personnel at the deploying company to retrieve and display the customer's AR information at any time, simultaneously as the AR information is displayed for the customer. However, it is customary in the financial business art for a service customer operator to access a customer billing statements in order to assist an online or offline customer. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would provided access to billing information an operator simultaneously with the online user to the teaching of Terry in order to assist an online customer in real-time.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 10-27 and 37-39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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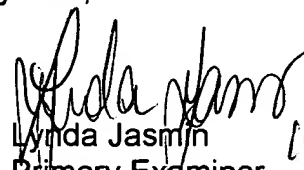
**Conclusion**

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wojcik et al. discloses a system for managing customer orders and reconciliation process. Cross discloses a billing system having a dispute tracking module. Smorodinsky discloses an electronic bill presentment system where biller is capable of generating and sending dispute resolution statement.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda Jasmin whose telephone number is (703) 305-0465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday (8:00-5:30) alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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